

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 14, 2011, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 14, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND
INVESTMENT

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 14, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining Investor Risks in Capital Raising."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Clay Robbins, who is an intern serving in the office of Senator MERKLEY, the Presiding Officer, have the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRANKEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my legislative fellows, Erin Boyd and Sharon Hessney, be given the privileges of the floor for the duration of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 380, 411, 458, and 459; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

IN THE NAVY

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) Barry L. Bruner
Rear Adm. (1h) Jerry K. Burroughs
Rear Adm. (1h) James D. Cloyd
Rear Adm. (1h) Michael T. Franken
Rear Adm. (1h) Bradley R. Gehrke
Rear Adm. (1h) Robert P. Girrier
Rear Adm. (1h) Paul A. Grosklags
Rear Adm. (1h) Sinclair M. Harris
Rear Adm. (1h) Margaret D. Klein
Rear Adm. (1h) Richard B. Landolt
Rear Adm. (1h) Brian L. Losey
Rear Adm. (1h) William F. Moran
Rear Adm. (1h) Troy M. Shoemaker
Rear Adm. (1h) Dixon R. Smith
Rear Adm. (1h) Robert L. Thomas, Jr.

IN THE COAST GUARD

The following named officer for appointment to serve as the Director of the Coast Guard Reserve pursuant to title 14, U.S.C., section 53 in the grade indicated:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

RDML David R. Callahan

IN THE COAST GUARD

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Kurt B. Hinrichs

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Captain Mark E. Butt
Captain Linda L. Fagan
Captain Thomas W. Jones
Captain Steven D. Poulin
Captain James E. Rendon
Captain Joseph A. Servidio

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

AGREEMENT—CALENDAR NO. 337

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following morning business tomorrow morning, Thursday, December 15, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 337; that there be 30 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate resume legislative session, and at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Republican leader, the Senate return to executive session, resume consideration of the nomination, and there be an additional 2 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form prior to a vote on Calendar No. 337; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's ac-

tion and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. As the Chair knows, Calendar No. 337 is Morgan Christen of Alaska.

REAUTHORIZING THE BELARUS
DEMOCRACY ACT OF 2004

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 515 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title. The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 515) to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 1462

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Kerry amendment No. 1462 be agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 1462) was agreed to, as follows:

On page 6, line 19, strike "and" and insert "expanded its visa ban list, imposed additional financial sanctions on certain state-owned enterprises, and initiated preparations to freeze the assets of several individuals in Belarus. The".

On page 10, line 9, strike "continue to".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the engrossment of the amendment and third reading of the bill.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read the third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 515), as amended, was passed, as follows:

H.R. 515

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 515) entitled "An Act to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004," do pass with the following amendments:

[1]On page 6, line 19, strike "and" and insert "expanded its visa ban list, imposed additional financial sanctions on certain state-owned enterprises, and initiated preparations to freeze the assets of several individuals in Belarus. The".

[2]On page 10, line 9, strike "continue to".

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Calendar No. 161.